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 Hinsichtlich der Bestandteile der internationalen Anmeldung (Ersatzblätter, die dem Anmeldeamt auf eine Aufforderung nach Artikel 14 hin vorgelegt wurden, gelten im Rahmen dieses Berichts als "ursprünglich eingereicht" und sind ihm nicht beigefügt, weil sie keine Änderungen enthalten (Regeln 70.16 und 70.17)):

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Dieser Bericht ist ohne Berücksichtigung (von einigen) der Änderungen erstellt worden, da diese aus den 5. 🗆 angegebenen Gründen nach Auffassung der Behörde über den Offenbarungsgehalt in der ursprünglich eingereichten Fassung hinausgehen (Regel 70.2(c)).

(Auf Ersatzblätter, die solche Änderungen enthalten, ist unter Punkt 1 hinzuweisen; sie sind diesem Bericht beizufügen.)

- 6. Etwaige zusätzliche Bemerkungen:
- V. Begründete Feststellung nach Artikel 35(2) hinsichtlich der Neuheit, der erfinderischen Tätigkeit und der gewerblichen Anwendbarkeit; Unterlagen und Erklärungen zur Stützung dieser Feststellung
- 1. Feststellung

Neuheit (N)

Ja: Ansprüche 1-23

Erfinderische Tätigkeit (IS)

Nein: Ansprüche KEINE

Ansprüche 1-23 Ja:

Nein: Ansprüche KEINE

Gewerbliche Anwendbarkeit (IA) Ja: Ansprüche: 1-23

Nein: Ansprüche: KEINE

2. Unterlagen und Erklärungen:

siehe Beiblatt

Zu Punkt V

Begründete Feststellung hinsichtlich der Neuheit, der erfinderischen Tätigkeit und der gewerblichen Anwendbarkeit; Unterlagen und Erklärungen zur Stützung dieser **Feststellung**

Es wird auf die folgenden Dokumente verwiesen:

D1: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN Bd. 1996, Nr. 02, 29. Februar 1996 (1996-02-29) & JP 7 254857 A (KAWASAKI STEEL CORP), 3. Oktober 1995 (1995-10-03)

D2: US-B-6 437 724 (NAGARAJ KRISHNASWAMY) 20. August 2002 (2002-08-20) (dieses Dokument ist in der Anmeldung erwähnt)

Nächstliegender Stand der Technik:

- D1 (JP 07254857), das als nächstliegender Stand der Technik angesehen wird, 1 offenbart einen A/D-Wandler wobei der Einfluß eines Offsets reduziert werden soll und die Umwandlung ausreichend schnell und genau durchgeführt werden. D1 enthalt einen A/D-Wandler mit einer Mehrzahl von Komparatoren (11a, 11b, 11c), von denen jeder einen ersten und einen zweiten Eingang und einen Ausgang aufweist, an welchem Ausgang das digitalisierte Signal bereitstellbar ist; mit einem Impedanz-Netzwerk für jeden Komparator (12a, 12b, 14a und 12b, 12c, 14b und 12c, 12d, 14c), das mit zumindest einem Eingang des Komparators gekoppelt ist, wobei ein jeweiliges Impedanz-Netzwerk zwischen dem zugehörigen Komparator und dem zu digitalisierende Signal (Ain) geschaltet ist und zwischen einem zugehörigen Komparator und einem ersten elektrischen Referenzpotential (V2) geschaltet ist.
- Der Gegenstand des Anspruchs 1 unterscheidet sich von D1 dadurch, die 2 Impedanznetzwerke so eingerichtet sind, daß die Komparatoren auf denselben Arbeitspunkt gebracht sind.

Daher ist Anspruch 1 neu (Artikel 33(2) PCT).

Die zu lösende Aufgabe kann also darin gesehen werden, einen Flash A/D Wandler 3 zu schaffen, der eine erhöhte Umwandlungsgeschwindigkeit aufweist.

D2 (US 6437724) offenbart einen differentiellen Flash AD-Wandler mit zwei Netzwerken von Widerstandelementen, an die analoge Signale angelegt werden und die mit Eingängen von Komparatoren gekoppelt werden.

Die für diese Aufgabe in Anspruch 1 der vorliegenden Anmeldung vorgeschlagene Lösung beruht aus den folgenden Gründen auf einer erfinderischen Tätigkeit (Artikel 33(3) PCT):

Noch D1 noch D2 offenbaren die im Anspruch 1 beschriebene Struktur/Architektur oder Lösung zu der oben erwähnten Aufgabe, noch wird sie durch D1 und D2 nahegelegt.

Deshalb ist Anspruch 1 als erfinderish betrachtet (Artikel 33(3) PCT).

Die Ansprüche 2-23 sind vom Anspruch 1 abhängig und erfüllen damit ebenfalls die 4 Erfordernisse des PCT in bezug auf Neuheit und erfinderische Tätigkeit.

Kommentare:

Die Formulierung "im Wesentlichen" (siehe Anspruch 1, Zeile 16) ist nicht klar, daher wurde sie für den Zweck dieses Prüfungberichts nicht in Erwägung gezogen.

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V.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or indus- citations and explanations supporting such statement	rial applicability;
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Novelty (N)	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims		NO
Citations and explanations	<u> </u>		

2. Citations and explanations

This report refers to the following documents:

D1: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN, Volume 1996, No. 02, 29 February 1996 (1996-02-29) & JP 7 254857 A (KAWASAKI STEEL CORP), 3 October 1995 (1995-10-03)

D2: US-B-6 437 724 (NAGARAJ KRISHNASWAMY) 20 August 2002 (2002-08-20) (this document is mentioned in the application).

Closest prior art:

D1 (JP 07254857), which is taken as the closest 1 prior art, discloses an analog-to-digital converter designed to reduce the influence of an offset and to effect sufficiently rapid and precise conversion. D1 contains an analog-to-digital converter with a plurality of comparators (11a, 11b, 11c), each of which has a first and a second input and an output at which the digitized signal can be provided; with an impedance network for each comparator (12a, 12b, 14a and 12b, 12c, 14b and 12c, 12d, 14c), coupled to

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at least one input of the comparator, a given impedance network being connected between the corresponding comparator and the signal to be digitized (Ain) and connected between a corresponding comparator and a first electrical reference potential (V2).

The subject matter of claim 1 differs from D1 in that the impedance networks are set up so that the comparators are brought to the same working point.

Claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

3 The problem to be solved can be seen as that of devising a flash analog-to-digital converter that has an increased conversion speed.

D2 (US 6437724) discloses a differential flash analog-to-digital converter with two networks of impedance elements to which analog signals are applied and which are coupled to inputs of comparators.

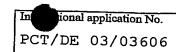
The solution to the problem as proposed in claim 1 of the present application involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:

Neither D1 nor D2 discloses or suggests the structure or architecture described in claim 1, nor a solution to the above-mentioned problem.

Claim ${\bf 1}$ is therefore considered to be inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).

4 Claims 2-23 are dependent on claim 1 and thus also

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meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.

Comment:

The term "substantially" (see claim 1, line 16) is unclear and therefore was not taken into account for purposes of this examination report.